

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing Of Claims:**

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A connecting device for attaching a sensor device relative to a glass pane of motor vehicle, comprising:

a structure including a contact space to be located between the sensor device and the glass pane, wherein[[:]] the contact space is sealed, and a partial vacuum is provided in the contact space; and

an arrangement for performing: a) heating an inside of the contact space; b) following the heating, sealing the contact space; and c) subsequent to the sealing, cooling the inside of the contact space.

11. (Withdrawn) The connecting device as recited in Claim 10, wherein:

a maximum amount of water vapor is provided in the contact space in such a way that a relative air moisture is less than 100% under a provided operating condition.

12. (Withdrawn) The connecting device as recited in Claim 10, wherein:

a dry gas is provided in the contact space.

13. (Currently Amended) The connecting device as recited in Claim 10, further comprising:

at least one of an optically-transparent, ~~condensed~~ liquid medium and an NIR-transparent, ~~condensed~~ liquid medium provided in the contact space.

14. (Previously Presented) The connecting device as recited in Claim 10, further comprising: attachment nubs provided on a surface of the structure facing the glass pane.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of attaching a sensor device relative to a glass pane of a motor vehicle, comprising:

situating a connecting device between the sensor device and the glass pane in an area defining a contact space; and

generating a partial vacuum in the contact space, wherein the generating the partial vacuum includes:

heating an inside of the contact space.

following the heating, sealing the contact space, and  
subsequent to the sealing, cooling the inside of the contact space:

16. (Canceled).

17. (Withdrawn) The method as recited in Claim 15, wherein the generating the partial vacuum includes:

performing an evacuating using an orifice in the contact space, and  
subsequent to the evacuating, sealing the contact space.

18. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim ~~[[10]]~~ 15, further comprising:  
providing at least one of ~~optically-transparent, condensed~~ liquid medium and an NIR-  
~~transparent, condensed~~ liquid medium in the contact space.

19. (New) A sensor system of a motor vehicle, comprising:

a glass pane of a motor vehicle;

a sensor device;

a connecting device for attaching the sensor device to the glass pane, wherein the sensor device includes: a structure having a contact space located between the sensor device and the glass pane, wherein the contact space is sealed and a partial vacuum is provided in the contact space; and attachment nubs provided on a surface of the structure facing the glass pane.